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ITALY IS NOT A MAJOR CUSTOMER FOR VENEZUELAN CRUDES,
ABSORBING ONLY 574 THOUSAND M.T. IN 1975. THE USSR, ON THE
OTHER HAND, IS A SUBSTANTIAL SUPPLIER OF CRUDE; IN 9175,
3.35 MILLION M.T. DESPITE PRESSURE EXERTED BY VENEZUELAN
PRESIDENT PEREZ DURING RECENT VISIT THAT ITALY SHOULD BUY
MORE VENEZUELAN CRUDE, SUBSTITUTING USSR CRUDE FOR VENEZUELAN
CRUDES (ORIGINALLY DESTINED FOR ITALY, BUT RE-ROUTED TO CUBA
REPLACING USSR SHIPMENTS) WOULD MAKE SENSE ECONOMICALLY.

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